



Bowls Alberta



Wildcard Team Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe how Bowls Alberta (BA) will respond to requests from Bowls Canada Boulingrin (BCB) to send additional teams, besides the Provincial Gold Medal Winners, and the Silver and Bronze medalists for Outdoor Singles, to a BCB National Championships.

Policy Application

1. Upon receipt of a request from BCB, either verbally or in writing, to send an additional individual(s) or team(s) to a National Championship, the BA Board of Directors shall make all efforts necessary to ensure that said request is fulfilled within the deadlines set by BCB.
2. The request, when received by the office, shall be sent to all board members for their information and will be acted upon by the Executive Director (ED). The drawmaster reports must be reviewed to determine the next qualifying team in the pertinent Provincial Championship. The ED shall contact the members of the team and help complete their team (if necessary) and may ask for assistance with the task of completing a team from the President, the Vice President (in charge of the bowling program) or the Head Provincial Coach. Once a team is secured and has accepted the invitation, the ED ensures the board is made aware of any decisions made to fill and enter a second team.
3. The wildcard team, referred to as the B Team in previous years, must adhere to the make-up of the team as outlined in BCB's Conditions of Play, which dictates the composition of the team as follows:
 - a) If at least one (1) member of the 2nd place pairs team, or two (2) members of the 2nd place triples or fours team wish to accept the wildcard team spot, when necessary, the remaining team member(s) will be given the opportunity to complete their team (within a limited amount of time) by nominating a substitute(s).
 - b) If neither of the 2nd place pairs team members, or at least two (2) members of the 2nd place triples or fours team, wish to accept the wildcard team spot, then that spot will be offered to the 3rd place team, under the same terms and conditions that were included in the offer to the 2nd place team.
 - c) If the 3rd place team is unable to provide an approved roster while meeting those same terms & conditions, then the BA will inform BCB that Alberta will not be filling the second entry request.
4. All substitutes for Wildcard Teams must have competed in a minimum of one (1) BA Provincial Playdown in the current season.

5. All wildcard team rosters must be approved by a majority of the officers of the BA Board Executive Directors prior to the final roster (including any substitutes) being forwarded to BCB.
6. The 1st through 3rd placed teams of the Provincial Outdoor Singles Championships receive entries into the Canadian Outdoor Singles Championships. If AB receives a wildcard entry for the Singles Championships the invitation will go to the 4th placed team and if declined to the 5th placed team.
7. Funding for wildcard team members is detailed in the Alberta Player Support Policy. In most cases, wildcard team members will be requested to pay a higher athlete assessment fee.
8. Cases may arise where Alberta is invited to send extra players (i.e. 3rd and 4th place finishers) to the National Indoor Singles Championships. Funding for these players will be made at the discretion of the BA Executive Board Directors.
9. Arrangements will be made with wildcard team members to provide them with Alberta Team shirts and jackets. Refer to the BA *Uniform Policy* for details.